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it seems fitting
the cold should keep company here
entertain guests on uneven floors
slumped precariously on stone stilts of a foundation eager
craning to crash back into the earth

visitors are escorted through the obvious doors but the mistress herself, the balmy blue-grey frost sidles in through as many gaps and slits as science can support

and in, always in, as there's no about-face capacity with winters; they simply soldier on until exhausted somewhere around Moscow